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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Election of one member of the International Narcotics Control Board under the provisions of article 9, paragraph 1, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol

Note by the Secretary-General

Election of one member from among the candidates nominated by the World Health Organization to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Elisaldo Luiz de Araújo Carlini (Brazil), for a term ending on 1 March 2000

1. The Secretary-General was informed on 16 January 1995 of the resignation of Elisaldo Luiz de Araújo Carlini (Brazil), a newly elected member of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB). Mr. Araújo Carlini's term of office would have started on 2 March 1995 and expired on 1 March 2000.

2. Since Elisaldo Luiz de Araújo Carlini was elected by the Economic and Social Council in 1994 from among the candidates nominated by the World Health Organization (WHO), under the provisions of article 9, paragraph 1 (a), of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol, the member to be elected to fill the remainder of the term should be elected from a list of at least three candidates nominated by WHO.

3. In accordance with established procedure, the Secretary-General invited the Director-General of the World Health Organization to propose candidates with a view to filling the post.

4. The Director-General of the World Health Organization, by a communication dated 29 May 1995, has informed the Secretary-General that the candidates proposed by WHO are:

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Nelia Cortés-Maramba (Philippines)
Philip Onaqwele Emafo (Nigeria)
Alfredo Pemjean (Chile)

5. Biographical information on these three candidates is contained in annex I. Information on the meetings of the Board in 1994, on payments to members and on present membership is contained in annex II.

Annex I

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD

Nelia Cortés-Maramba (Philippines)

Date of birth: 1935

Education: Doctor of Medicine, University of the Philippines; Postgraduate residency training in pediatrics, Children's Hospital, Louisville, Kentucky, United States (1961-1962); University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, Kansas, United States (1962-1963); Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, Georgia, United States (1963-1964).

Present posts: Professor, Department of Pharmacology, and Clinical Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Philippines General Hospital, University of the Philippines, Manila; Head, National Poisons Control and Information Service, Philippines General Hospital (1991 to present); Vice-Chairperson, National Drug Committee, Department of Health; member, Committee on Drugs and other Matters, Dangerous Drugs Board (1992 to present); member, Advisory Panel on Drug Dependence and Alcohol Problems, World Health Organization (WHO), Geneva (1985 to present).

Previous posts: Chair, Department of Pharmacology, College of Medicine, University of the Philippines (1975-1983); member, Ad Hoc Technical Committee, Dangerous Drugs Board (1978-1985), Committee on Listing and Delisting of Drugs (1986-1991); Chairperson, Technical Advisory Committee on Drugs, Department of Health (1979-1983); member, Advisory Committee on Medical Research, Western Pacific Region, WHO (1981-1984); Chairperson, Drugs and Therapeutic Committee, Philippines General Hospital (1979-1987); Chairperson, Committee on Research Implementation and Development, College of Medicine, University of the Philippines (1990-1992).

Publications: Forty-three publications, including Guidebook on the Proper Use of Medicinal Plants (1993); Algorithm of Common Poisoning (1991).

Honours: Most Outstanding Researcher, University of the Philippines (1993); Life Achievement Award in Medical Research, National Research Council of the Philippines (1992); President Corazón Aquino and Civil Service Commission "Lingkod Bayan Award" (1988).

Meetings attended: Thirty-nine international meetings from 1968-1994, dealing, inter alia, with toxicology, drug dependence and medicinal plants.

Philip Onagwele Emafo (Nigeria)

Date of birth: 1936

Education: Nigerian College of Arts, Science and Technology, Ibadan, Nigeria (1955-1959), Diploma in Pharmacy (1959); School of Pharmacy, University of London (1960-1963), Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) (1963); University of Ibadan, Nigeria (1966-1970), Doctor of Philosophy in Biochemistry (1970).

Present post: Member of the WHO Expert Advisory Panel on International Pharmacopoeia and Pharmaceutical Preparations (1979 to date).

Previous posts: Lecturer, School of Pharmacy, Zaria, Nigeria (1964-1966); lecturer in biochemistry, University of Ibadan, Nigeria (1969-1971); lecturer and senior lecturer in pharmaceutical microbiology and biochemistry, University of Benin, Benin City, Nigeria (1971-1977); consultant to INCB, Vienna, on assistance programmes to African countries (1989, 1991 and 1992); consultant to United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP), Vienna, in developing a training curriculum for drug inspectors (1993).

Publications: Numerous articles.

Meetings attended: Rapporteur-General, International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, Vienna (1987); member of the Expert Group Meeting on the Enhancement of the Efficiency of the United Nations Structure for Drug Abuse Control (1990); member of the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Advisory Group to assess strengths and weaknesses of global drug control efforts, appointed by the Executive Director, UNDCP (1994); member of the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth sessions of the Expert Committee on Drug Dependence of WHO (1992 and 1994); member of the Nigerian delegation to the World Health Assembly (1978, 1979, 1987 and 1988); head, Nigerian delegation to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (1978, 1980, 1981, 1983-1988) and Chairman of the tenth special session of the Commission (1988); resource person for the Training Course for Drug Inspectors in Africa, Tunis (1994).

Alfredo Pemjean (Chile)

Date of birth: 1945

Education: Doctor of Medicine, University of Chile, Santiago (1961-1968); postgraduate training in psychiatry, University of Chile and National Health Service, Santiago (1969-1972).

Present post: Private practice in adult psychiatry and the treatment of alcohol and drug problems (1972 to date).

Previous posts: Clinical psychiatrist, In-patient Department, Psychiatric Hospital, Santiago (1968-1969); Staff Psychiatrist, Mental Health Programmes for the Southern Area of Santiago (1968-1971); Clinical Psychiatrist, Out-patient Psychiatric Department, Barros Luco-Trudeau Hospital, Santiago (1970-1971); Staff Psychiatrist, Department of Psychiatry and Alcoholism Community Programme,

Dr. Leonardo Guzman General Hospital, Antofagasta, Chile (1972-1975); Staff Psychiatrist, Mental Health and Psychiatry Service, Barros Luco-Trudeau General Hospital, Santiago (1975-1983).

Meetings attended: Several courses and symposiums on clinical, medical, educational and mental health issues.

Annex II

NUMBER, LENGTH AND PLACE OF MEETINGS, PAYMENTS AND PRESENT MEMBERSHIP OF THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD

1. The Board shall meet as often as, in its opinion, may be necessary for the proper discharge of its functions, but shall hold at least two sessions in each calendar year (Single Convention, article 11, paragraph 2).

2. The duration of each session varies from one to three weeks. In 1994 its sessions were as follows:

Fifty-sixth session, 9-19 May 1994

Fifty-seventh session, 31 October-17 November 1994

3. The sessions are normally held at the headquarters of the Board's secretariat in Vienna (Vienna International Centre).

4. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 2491 (XXIII) of 21 December 1968, the members of the Board receive a per diem allowance while participating in Board sessions or in official missions. As of May 1995, this allowance at Vienna is US$ 319 per day. Members' travelling expenses are defrayed by the United Nations according to current administrative practice.

5. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/218 of 17 December 1980, members of the Board receive honoraria on the following annual basis:

President: US$ 5,000

Vice-Presidents: US$ 4,000

Members: US$ 3,000

6. The present membership of the International Narcotics Control Board is as follows: a/

Sirad Atmodjo (1997) b/
Edward A. Babayan (2000)
Vacant (2000) b/ c/
A. Hamid Ghodse (1997) b/
Dil Jan Khan (1997)
Gottfried Machata (1997)
Mohammed Abbas Mansour (2000)
Bunsom Martin (1997)
António Lourenço Martins (2000)
Herbert S. Okun (1997)
Manuel Quijano (1997)

Oskar Schroeder (2000)
Elba Torres Graterol (2000)

Notes

a/ The year given after each name indicates the end of the member's term of office, that is, 1 March 1997 or 1 March 2000.

b/ Members elected from among candidates submitted by WHO.

c/ Due to the resignation of Elisaldo Luiz de Araújo Carlini.